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TRANS MEDITERRANEAN AIRLINES HAS CALLED EMBASSY SEVERAL TIMES
TO INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER USG HAS APPROVED EXTENSION OF
LEBANESE-US CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT UNTIL MAY 27, 1977. TMA
IS LEBANESE AIRLINE MOST IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED BY
AGREEMENT AND NATURALLY HOPES THAT EXTENSION WILL BE FORTHCOMING.
HOWEVER, IT MUST KNOW SOONEST IN ORDER TO PLAN AND ADJUST ITS
ROUTES IF AIR AGREEMENT IS NOT EXTENDED. WOULD APPRECIATE
WORD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COMMENT: FULLY APPRECIATE THAT
OUR BILATERAL AIR RELATIONS WITH LEBANON IS COMPLICATED
MATTER, PARTICULARLY IN THE CARGO FIELD. ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS
IT WOULD NOT APPEAR THAT SIX MONTHS' EXTENSION IS GOING TO
SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGE ROUTES OF AMERICAN CARRIERS. ON
POLITICAL GROUNDS, REFUSAL TO EXTEND WOULD NOT BE
UNDERSTOOD HERE, GIVEN CRITICAL PERIOD LEBANON IS
PASSING THROUGH AT MOMENT. GOL WOULD FEEL VERY MUCH
LET DOWN BY US AT A TIME WHEN IT IS DESPERATELY
TRYING TO RECONSTRUCT THE COUNTRY. I MOST STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT THE AGREEMENT BE EXTENDED FOR THE SHORT
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